

Minnesota Speaker Bios

Dr. Emily Pietig, DDS

Dr. Emily Pietig graduated from the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry in 2010, and began working for Children's Dental Services, a non-profit pediatric practice in northeast Minneapolis. Dr. Pietig entered the first collaborative management agreement with an advanced dental therapist to expand care to children in need. Working with Dental Therapists allowed her to focus on providing care to children affected by early childhood caries and baby bottle caries through her operating room privileges at Children's Hospital. Dr. Pietig began as a staff dentist and then served as Dental Director of Children's Dental Services 2010-2015. She now has a full-time appointment as an assistant clinical professor at the University Of Minnesota School Of Dentistry, as the Dental Director of The Native American Community Clinic (an FQHC).

Kristy Jo Fogarty, RDH, ADT, BSDH, MSOHP

Christy Jo Fogarty has been a licensed dental hygienist for 15 years and was the first certified advanced dental therapist in Minnesota. She works for Children's Dental Services in Minneapolis, a nonprofit dental clinic that has served children under the age of 25 and pregnant women for almost 100 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene and a masters as an oral healthcare practitioner from Metropolitan State University.

She is the past president of the American Academy of Dental Therapy and the current treasurer.

Dr. Karl Self, DDS

Dr. Karl Self joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 2006 and in January of 2010, he was selected to be the Director of the newly created Division of Dental Therapy. In addition to managing all aspects of the implementation of this program, he is engaged in teaching dental, dental therapy, and dental hygiene students. His research interests include access to care issues, health care disparities, and workforce issues.

Dr. Self earned his DDS degree from the University of Minnesota's School of Dentistry, and a MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. He has been engaged in a variety of dental practice types including private practice and large group practice, yet he has spent most of his professional life in a community clinic. He has been a consultant for the Department of Human Services' Medical Assistance program and prior to joining the faculty of the School of Dentistry, he was the executive director of a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center in Minneapolis.